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Letter dated 1 June 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached letter (see annex), which I sent to the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock, yesterday and which details the United Kingdom's contribution in response to Syria. I should be most grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Karen **Pierce**

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I promised to write with details of the United Kingdom's contribution in response to the Syria crisis.

Since the conflict in Syria began, the United Kingdom has been at the forefront of the international response. We are the second largest bilateral donor to the humanitarian response in Syria since 2011.

At the second Brussels Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region, held on 24 and 25 April, the United Kingdom pledged £450 million for the Syria crisis in 2018, with a further £300 million commitment for 2019. This brings the United Kingdom's overall commitment to £2.71 billion in response to the Syria crisis since 2012, our largest ever response to a single humanitarian crisis.

This figure includes £2.3 billion allocated to over 30 implementing partners (including United Nations agencies, international non-governmental organizations and the Red Cross) and is helping to meet the immediate needs of vulnerable people in Syria and of refugees in the region. It also includes allocations made under the United Kingdom Conflict, Stability and Security Fund to support local capacity and build stability in the region. Our support is reaching millions of people and has saved lives in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt.

Of the £2.3 billion United Kingdom allocation to meet immediate needs, 39 per cent (£910 million) goes to help meet the needs of the most vulnerable people inside Syria. Half of this £910 million is allocated for cross-border assistance. Sixty-one per cent of the £2.3 billion is allocated to support refugees and their host communities in neighbouring countries, including £580 million for Lebanon; £483 million for Jordan; £319 million for Turkey; £19 million for Iraq and £2 million for Egypt.

Our support to Syria and the region since 2012 has provided humanitarian assistance to 17 million people, including over 27,000,000 monthly food rations and over 10,000,000 vaccines. Between April 2016 and March 2017 alone, our support provided almost 5 million people inside Syria with access to clean water, enabled humanitarian agencies to carry out over 3.5 million sanitation and hygiene activities and provided over 700,000 children with formal education.

The United Kingdom firmly believes that while we work towards a political solution that can end the conflict, we must not give up on helping those affected by it. In this spirit, the United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Development called upon those present at the Brussels Conference to join the United Kingdom in calling for concrete actions to enable greater protection for civilians and aid workers now. That means an immediate ceasefire and immediate safe access so that aid workers and medical staff can do their jobs and help the most vulnerable and the most desperate without fear of attack.

The United Kingdom is a global leader within the Syria response. I am proud that at the Brussels Conference we demonstrated clearly that we will continue to lead the response in working with others to call out atrocities, demand access for aid and the protection of civilians and, ultimately, work towards a solution that can put Syria on a path to peace.

(*Signed*) Karen **Pierce**